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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/804,159) Group Art Unit: 2818
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Filed: March 19, 2004) Examiner: Quoc Dinh HOANG
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 7405
METHOD OF FABRICATING THE)
SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In a species election requirement mailed on September 1, 2005, the period for response to which extends through October 3, 2005, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

a first embodiment, shown in Figures 1-8 and described at page 15, line 6, through page 22, line 22, of the Specification;

a second embodiment, shown in Figures 9-10 and described at page 22, line 23, through page 23, line 12, of the Specification;

a third embodiment, shown in Figure 11 and described at page 23, line 13, through page 24, line 24, of the Specification;

a fourth embodiment, shown in Figures 12-16 and described at page 24, line 25, through page 28, line 7, of the Specification;

a fifth embodiment, shown in Figures 17-29 and described at page 28, line 8, through page 33, line 28, of the Specification;

a sixth embodiment, shown in Figures 30-35 and described at page 33, line 29, through page 40, line 22, of the Specification;

a seventh embodiment, shown in Figures 36-37 and described at page 40, line 23, through page 42, line 12, of the Specification;

an eighth embodiment, shown in Figures 38-43 and described at page 42, line 13, through page 45, line 4, of the Specification; and

a ninth embodiment, shown in Figures 44-45 and described at page 45, line 5, through page 48, line 15, of the Specification.

Applicants elect to prosecute the eighth embodiment, on which claims 17 and 18 are readable. Applicants make this election without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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